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In the **PATENT APPLICATION** of:

Chitrapu et al.

Application No.: 09/998,885

Confirmation No.: 7267

Filed: October 31, 2001

For:

AN IMPROVED APPARATUS AND
METHOD FOR PERFORMING INITIAL
CELL SEARCH IN WIRELESS
COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS

Group: 2661

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The original PCT claims correspond to the claims in this U.S. application. A copy of the approved claims as published is also enclosed.

Applicant: Chitrapu et al.
Application No.: 09/998,885

In view of the fact that PCT claims 1-14 have all been found to meet the international standards of patentability, prompt examination and allowance are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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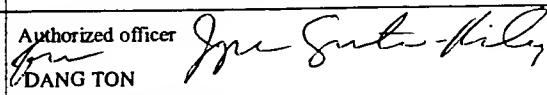
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- IV Lack of unity of invention
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- VI Certain documents cited
- VII Certain defects in the international application
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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

International application No.
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V. Reasoned statement under Rule 66.2(a)(ii) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. STATEMENT

Novelty (N)	Claims <u>1-14</u>	YES
	Claims <u>NONE</u>	NO
Inventive Step (IS)	Claims <u>1-14</u>	YES
	Claims <u>NONE</u>	NO
Industrial Applicability (IA)	Claims <u>1-14</u>	YES
	Claims <u>NONE</u>	NO

2. CITATIONS AND EXPLANATIONS

Claims 1-14 meet the criteria set out in PCT Article 33(2)-(3), because the prior art does not teach or fairly suggest.

- A method for establishing a communication link between a user equipment and a base station in a communication system having a plurality of base stations which each transmit a common primary synchronization code in a primary synchronization channel in conjunction with a base station specific secondary synchronization code within a system frame, the method comprising: receiving with the UE an input signal including the PSC and SSC from at least one of the base stations; analyzing the input signal to detect received PSCs within a selected time period frame and determining a relative location of a strongest PSC within system frame; and processing the input signal to remove the PSC from at least the determined PSC location, and detecting a secondary synchronization code at the determined location from the processed signal.

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